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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1-21 have been rejected by the Examiner in the office action first above mentioned. Claims 1-11, 13-18 and 20-21 have been amended hereby.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

The Telephone Interview

In the interview, Applicant's representatives discussed the proposed amendment to the independent claims and described that though U.S. Patent 6,157,934 to Kahn et al. ("Khan") teaches using a graph to create a spread sheet, and U.S. Patent 5,727,161 to Purcell Jr. ("Purcell") teaches building a unified spread sheet, nothing in either of Kahn or Purcell, alone or in combination, teach or suggest using a graph to generate a unified spread sheet, now would it have been obvious from Kahn or Purcell, alone or in combination to teach or suggest using a graph to generate a unified spread sheet.

The Examiners agreed to consider the proposed amendment in light of the Applicant's position discussed in the interview.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, 13, 15-18, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point

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out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular the Examiner determined that the phrase "the intent" rendered the claims indefinite.

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. The amendments to the claims 1-7 in this paper include a 'memory having stored thereon instructions that when executed result in providing a customizable application'. Applicant asserts that such amendment provide a statutory basis for claims 1-7, as amended.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 USC 101 be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 8, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Purcell in further view of Kahn.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1, 8 and 15 as being unpatentable over Purcell in further view of Kahn. Applicant's independent claims 1, 8 and 15, as amended, includes a memory, method or medium with instructions to "generate a unified spreadsheet from at least two spreadsheet blocks whose relations are defined from an input graph."

Applicant asserts that neither Purcell nor Kahn, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a memory, method or medium with instructions to "generate a unified spreadsheet from at least two spreadsheet blocks whose relations are defined from an input graph" as are included in Applicant's independent claims 1, 8 and 15 as amended. It would not be obvious from Purcell or Kahn, alone or in combination to include a memory, method or medium with instructions to generate a unified spreadsheet from at least two spreadsheet blocks whose relations are defined from an input graph. Thus, neither Purcell nor Kahn, alone or in combination, teach or suggest the invention of independent claims 1, 8 and 15 as amended.

An obviousness rejection requires a teaching or a suggestion by the relied upon prior art of all the elements of a claim (M.P.E.P. §2142). Since, alone or in combination, teach or

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suggest all the elements of any of independent claim 1, as amended, the Examiner fails to establish a prima facie showing that the Purcell and Kahn, alone or in combination, teach or suggest every feature of claims. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of independent claims 1, 8 and 15 as amended.

In the office action, the Examiner rejected claims 2-5, 9-12 and 16-19 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Purcell, and Kahn in further view of US Patent No. 5,513,356 to Takahashi et al ("Takahashi"). Claims 2-5, 9-12 and 16-19 depend directly or indirectly from one or more of independent claim 1, 8 and 15, as amended and include all of the elements of one of independent claims 1, 8 and 15. As described above, independent claims 1, 8 and 15, as amended, are as not obvious, and are allowable, over Purcell and Kahn. Nothing in Takahashi cures the deficiencies of Purcell and Kahn in establishing prima facie obviousness of independent claims 1, 8 and 15. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 2-5, 9-12 and 16-19 are likewise allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections to dependent claims 2-5, 9-12 and 16-19.

In the office action, the Examiner rejected claims 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Purcell, and Kahn in further view of US Patent No. 5,995,719 to Bourdead'hui et al ("Bourdead'hui"). Claims 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 depend directly or indirectly from one or more of independent claim 1, 8 and 15, as amended and include all of the elements of one of independent claims 1, 8 and 15. As described above, independent claims 1, 8 and 15, as amended, are as not obvious, and are allowable, over Purcell and Kahn. Nothing in Bourdead'hui cures the deficiencies of Purcell and Kahn in establishing prima facie obviousness of independent claims 1, 8 and 15. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 are likewise allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections to dependent claims 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

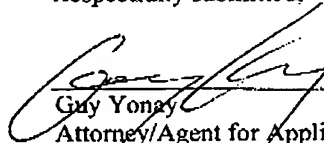
Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the

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prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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